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FROM : AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE.

SUBJECT: BREEDING STOCK PRESENTATION

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1. IN A COLORFUL CEREMONY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1976, AT THE ANIMAL AND DAIRY SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT IRENE, THREE REGISTERED RED ANGUS BULLS FROM ALABAMA WERE PRESENTED AS A GIFT TO THE S.A. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. OFFICIAL HANDING OVER WAS MADE BY MR. JOE GIVHAN, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND AUBURN UNIVERSITY RURAL RESOURCES SPECIALIST, MOBILE, ALABAMA, AND DR. WILLIAM POWELL, PRESIDENT OF RED ANGUS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN, TO THE S.A. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, HENDRIK SCHOEMAN.

2. IN MAKING THE PRESENTATION, JOE GIVHAN STATED THAT AN OPEN DOOR TRADE POLICY IS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE CONTINUED GROWTH OF BOTH OUR NATIONS AND EXTENDED, TO ALL PRESENT AND OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE, A MOST CORDIAL INVITATION TO VISIT USA. IN 1962, SAID GIVHAN, WE INSTITUTED A GOOD NEIGHBOUR PROGRAM WHEREBY EACH YEAR WE DONATE RED ANGUS BULLS TO INTERESTED COUNTRY TO BE USED IN AN ARTIFICIAL BREEDING PROGRAM TO HELP FURTHER DEVELOP ITS CATTLE INDUSTRY. OF COURSE MR. MINISTER,
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HE SAID, WE ARE DELIGHTED YOU ACCCEPTED OUR OFFER AND ON BEHALF

OF THE ALABAMA IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT THESE TWO RED ANGUS BULLS TO YOU.

FOLLOWING JOE GIVHAN'S REMARKS, WILLIAM POWELL, IN MEMORY OF HIS LATE FATHER, PRESENTED ONE REGISTERED RED ANGUS BULL TO THE MINISTER.

3. MINISTER SCHOEMAN, ACCEPTING THE BULLS STATED THAT AGRICULTURE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A COMMON BOND FOR MAINTAINING RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENDLY NATIONS. TODAY, HE NOTED, WE WITNESS A FURTHER INSTANCE WHERE AGRICULTURE FORMS A LINK BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND WE ACCEPT THESE BULLS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AS A PART OF YOUR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE GOOD NEIGHBOURLY PROGRAM. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO KNOW, SCHOEMAN SAID, THAT THROUGH THE MAGNANIMOUS GESTURE OF OUR GUESTS WE NOW HAVE AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF SUPERIOR GENETIC MATERIAL IN THE FORM OF THESE THREE RED ANGUS BULLS. WE CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WILL BE PUT TO THE BEST POSSIBLE USE.

4. PRESENT AT THE OFFICAL PRESENTATION IN INRENE WERE ALSO RED ANGUS BREEDER, HON A.L. SCHLEBUSH, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND IMMIGRATION, AND WIFE, MRS. H. SCHOEMAN, WIFE OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MR. & MRS. M.J.J. MALAN, DEPTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, JUSTICE AND MRS. VICTOR HIEMSTRA (POTENTIAL CATTLE BREEDER, DR. D.W. IMMELMAN, SENIOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL SERVICES, DR. & MRS. J.H. HOFMEYER, DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL AND DAIRY SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE, TIM MURRAY, PRESIDENT S.A. STUDBOOK, AND PRESIDENT OF S.A. FRIESLAND BREEDERS, JOHAN VOSLOO, PRESIDENT S.A. ABERDEEN ANGUS SOCIETY, DR. MCFARLANE, VETERINARIAN AND BREEDER OF BLACK ANGUS IN TRANSVAAL, SEVERAL CATTLE BREEDERS, OFFICIALS AND RESEARCH SCIENTISTS FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, MEMBERS OF PRESS AND RADO J. KINZHUBER, AGATTACHE.

5. FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY A TYPICAL SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAIVLEIS (BARBEQUE) WAS HOSTED BY THE S.A. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE IN HONOR OF THE AMERICAN VISITORS.

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6. FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS JOE GIVHAN AND WILLIAM POWELL PLAN VISITING S.A. AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH STATIONS, READ ANGUS CATTLE BREEDERS, AND FARMERS IN TRANSVALL, NATAL, ORANGE FREE STATE AND CAPE PROVINCE TO PROMOTE FURTHER INTEREST IN RED ANGUS CATTLE BREEDING IN SOUTH AFRICA.
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